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a Cabinet Committee went into the matter and the Government gave a categorical assurance that they would themselves run the factory. That being the case, how does the Hon. the Minister for Labour now say that the Government would consider the proposal from private persons if there was a good offer? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think the Committee decided that the machinery should be run for some time because nobody will buy a factory which is not working. When once the factory starts working, then the question as to whether we have to run it or can entrust it to private individuals in case there is a good offer from them, can be considered. When I said that we will 'consider', it does not necessarily mean that we will ask private persons to run the factory. After consideration of their offers, we may refuse them."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" For how long the staff is kept in the factory without doing any work and what is the amount that the Government have spent on them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, we are only keeping a skeleton staff which is intended to keep the machinery in proper condition. As for the expenditure incurred by the Government, as I said to another hon. Member, if he puts a separate question, I shall let him know."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Will the Government give us an assurance that they will not transfer this hydrogenation factory to private management even if the offer is good? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I said there is no intention now of transferring it. But it all depends on how the factory works, and what the financial commitment to the Government is. I suppose the hon. Member himself will not want the Government to run the factory if we were to incur a loss to the extent of Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 lakhs. If there is a loss, the hon. Member will himself come forward and say that the Government should not run the factory. That is why I said that we may consider this question at a later stage."

Appointment of Law Graduates of Executive Officers of temples.

* 280 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many I and II Grade temples there are in the State;

(*b*) in how many of them Law Graduates have been posted as Executive Officers ; and

(*c*) their scale of pay?

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THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" (a) There are 14 religious institutions coming under Grade I and 18 under Grade II in Madras State.

" (b) In five I Grade temples and in four II Grade temples Executive Officers possessing Law Degrees have been posted.

" (c) The scale of pay of Executive Officer of Grade I is Rs. 200—15—350 and of Grade II is Rs. 150—10—200."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether the Executive Officers for the I and II Grade temples are appointed by the Madras Public Service Commission or does favouritism play a part in these postings? ".

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Executive Officers are appointed by the Commissioner. The Commissioner invites application, interviews applicants and decides who should be appointed."

SRI A. VELOO :—" சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகத்திற்குப் பட்டதாரிகளைத்தான் நியமனம் செய்யவேண்டுமென்ற முறையைக் கைவிடவேண்டும் என்று யூனியன் சர்க்கார் முடிவு செய்து, ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார்களும் அந்தக் கொள்கையை அனுசரிக்கவேண்டுமென்று ராஜ்ய சர்க்காரை அபிப்பிராயம் கேட்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? அப்படியானால் சட்டப் படிப்பு உள்ளவர்களை இந்த உத்தியோகத்தில் நியமித்திருப்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Sir, there are six grades of officers. The qualification prescribed for the first two grades is Degree of Law of the Madras University, for the third grade the qualification prescribed is a Degree in Arts, for the fourth and fifth grades the minimum qualification prescribed is S.S.L.C., and for the sixth grade the qualification prescribed is Form III. We take candidates for these various grades who possess these qualifications."

10-20 a.m. SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, on what basis these temples are graded? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU :—" Religious institutions with an annual income of more than Rs. 1,00,000 are classified as Grade I and those which receive Rs. 60,000 and more but not exceeding rupees one lakh come under Grade II and similarly others are graded according to their annual income."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, in view of the fact that we are having a Public Service Commission for the appointment of persons to posts like these, will the Government consider the proposal of at least hereafter appointing these Executive Officers through the Public Service Commission? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" The opinion of the hon. Member will be taken into consideration, Sir."

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SRI A. SAMBASIVAM :—" பட்டம் பெற்றவர்கள் கோயில் பூஜை விதிகளை அறிந்தவர்களாக இருப்பது சாத்தியமில்லை. நம் நாட்டில் பெரிய பெரிய ஜமீன்களை பட்டம் பெறாதவர்கள் நன்றாக நிர்வகிக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால் தேவாரம், பிரபந்தம் போன்ற சைவ வைஷ்ணவ திருமுறைகளில் அனுபவம் வாய்ந்தவர்களை இந்த பதவிகளுக்கு நியமிப்பது பற்றி அரசாங்கம் உடனடியாக ஆலோசனை செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" The Commissioner when he interviews candidates for these posts takes into consideration the fact whether they are religiously qualified, whether they know Prapandam, Thevaram, etc."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Have the Government, in making these appointments, stressed the Law Degree or the progressive views of the candidates? If the Government have not taken the latter into consideration, will the Government do it in future? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" We are thankful to the hon. Member for his suggestion, Sir."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" **Executive Officer** பதவிகளில் ஹரிஜனங்களை கிடையாது என்பது உண்மையா ? ஹரிஜனங்கள் இருந்தால் எவ்வளவு பேர்கள் இருக்கிறார்கள் ? இல்லாவிட்டால் இந்தப்பதவிகளுக்கு ஹரிஜனங்களை நியமிப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் என்னென்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI P. T. RAJAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I should like to know how to catch your attention, by standing up or looking up or raising the hand? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" In order to attract the attention of the Speaker, hon. Members not only stand up, but sometimes they raise their hands also."

SRI P. T. RAJAN :—" Sir, I think the usual practice in Parliament is to catch the Speaker's eye . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes, by standing up. But in order to be doubly sure, hon. Members not only stand up but raise their hands too."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" On a point of order, to catch your eye, it is a very difficult affair, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Certainly. As stated by Burke, 'the Speaker's eye is an elusive organ'."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Most elusive of all God has ever created on the face of the earth. It is very difficult to catch your eye, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" On a point of information, Sir, . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let us go to the question now. **The** hon. **Member Sri Palaniyandi.**"

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SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" What I wanted has been asked by the other Member, Sir. I wanted to know whether there were any Harijan Executive Officers in the first and second grades and it has been answered."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கோயில்களை I Grade, II Grade என்று பிரித்திருப்பதினால். கடவுளை தங்களுக்குள் பாரபக்ஷம் காண்பிக்கிறார்களா என்று தங்களுடைய குறைகளைத் தெரிவித்து சர்க்காருக்கு மகஜர் வந்திருக்கிறதா ?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in the matter of recruitment of these Executive Officers to the temples, since it is left to the whims and fancies of the Commissioner of the Endowments Board and since communal representation is not being observed for giving preferential treatment to Harijans and Backward communities, will the Government be pleased to discontinue the present system of recruitment and leave it to the impartial Public Service Commission of the State?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Sir, this question has already been put and answered."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" Sir, will the Government consider appointing honorary Executive Officers if some retired officers want to take up the post just for the love of it?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" It is not possible, since we are dealing with valuable articles, jewels, etc. Even security has to be furnished by Executive Officers. Therefore, it is not possible to appoint Honorary Executive Officers."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know whether the Government have given effect to the rules framed on 5th February 1953 in this regard?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" முதல்தர கோவில்கள், இரண்டாந்தர கோவில்களின் எண்ணிக்கையை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் குறிப்பிட்டார்கள். அவைகளில் எவ்வளவு வைஷ்ணவ கோவில்கள் ? எவ்வளவு சிவன் கோவில்கள் ?"

THE HON. SRI K. VENKATASWAMY NAIDU :—" Notice, Sir."

Fishing trawlers.

* 281 Q.—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many fishing trawlers are working in the State;

(b) how many of them are working in the West Coast;